

# January

We are so excited to begin 2022 with our Readiness class. We are almost at the 70 day mark in our caterpillar but it feels like we have known your children for a lot longer than that! We hope that everyone is healthy and taking all the steps necessary to stay that way and keep all of our friends in school healthy. Thanks so much for keeping your child home if any family member is sick and getting tested if necessary.

This month we will be doing a lot of snowy themes as we are putting the holidays behind us. Our bulletin board will now be a snowman that will accompany our themes of the week. I'll be sure to post pictures of him each week. We will be learning M, N, O and P this month. We will also be doing a lot of letter/sound recognition and rhyming. It's also time to start learning to write that last name! We will start with just writing last name and then will put the two together. I'm sure our friends with long first names and last names will be so excited! 😊

Have you filled a bucket today? If you're not familiar with this book, you will all get a chance to read it with your child when they bring home the bucket filler bag. We will read it with the class and then each child will have the opportunity to bring it home to read with their family. When you see your child "filling someone's bucket", we ask that you write it on one of the shapes in the bag and send it back after a few days. We hope that we don't have any bucket dippers. 😊

The surprise bag will also begin making it's rotation through the class. Your child will bring home the surprise bag and each day you return it, it should have something that starts with the letter of the week. We ask that you and your child write down three clues to help classmates guess what's inside. We generally have the same child do surprise bag for the entire week. If for some reason, you aren't able to bring it one day, don't stress as there may be times when we don't get to that job on any given day.

No school on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. We plan to have our kindness rocks painted and sprayed by the end of this week so you can distribute your kindness rocks through your neighborhood on Martin Luther King day. If you have any rocks that you can send in, it's most appreciated!

We are hopeful that lunch bunch will resume on Monday, January 24. Specials have now been pushed back to begin on February 4<sup>th</sup> (and will end on May 13<sup>th</sup>). There are still spots available in soccer and karate if you would like your child to participate.

If you have any newspapers at home or know of a neighbor who gets the paper, please bring them in. I'd love to get those projects done during N week.

January calendar is attached!

